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She felt toward her husband as he had never felt before. Often and often she had experienced a feeling of dislike for some trait of his character, but it was not until now that she felt that she hated the man himself. There had been many times when his absence was a relief to her, but it was never until this night that she had wished with all her heart that she might never see him again.

That James Melvin had much to do with her feelings she could not help but admit, although the admission caused her face to burn with shame. The knowledge that another man, and that man at that, could be the means of making her despise her husband was bitterly humiliating, and she wished with all her heart that she could dispel Melvin as well; but, alas, that was something she could not do.

While she sat there Sim came into the room. It was late, and he had walked two miles out into the country and back. He was restless and uneasy and far more unhappy than he had ever been in all his life. Mrs. Mann's prophecy, coupled with the words Louisa had spoken, had made a much deeper impression on him than he would have admitted to any living soul, than he even liked to admit to himself.

That there was something lacking in his married life he knew only too well, and he had known it from his wedding day, but never until now had it occurred to him how serious that lacking might be. That Louisa did not love him as a wife should he had been long assured, but the possibility of her loving another man was something that had never crossed his mind until this day, and the bare thought of such a thing fell on him with a crushing blow.

"Great God!" he cried aloud as he stamped the lonely country road. "Such a thing cannot, must not, shall not be! It would kill me. O God, it would kill me!"

When he entered the room, Louisa did not look up, and when he spoke her name she paid no attention to him. He waited a moment, then asked her what was the matter.

"Nothing," she replied between her sobs.

"Then what are you crying for?" he asked.

"Nothing," she answered again. "Is it anything I've done?" he questioned.

"No."

"Is it what Mary Mann said?"

"No."

"Then what is it?"

"Nothing."

"But it is something, Louie. You know it is. Won't you tell me what?" She shook her head.

"Did you hear what Mary Mann said this evening down there on the street?" he asked.

She shook her head again.

"She said you didn't love me as that if ever you got to know that stranger you'd love his little ring better than you love my whole body. Do you know what I told her?"

"No."

"Well, I give her a settler, I guess, for once. I said, 'Miss Mann, you are a-lyin when you say any such a thing as that, an if you was a man I'd whup you till your hide wouldn't hold shucks.' Then she the very words I said to her, an I mean 'em too."

He paused as if expecting his wife to speak, but she remained silent. He hoped that she would be pleased with him for speaking so strongly in her defense, and he felt hurt when she took no notice of his words. Presently he went on, saying:

"There was hard things you said about me down there today, Louie, an I'd never 'a' thought you'd 'a' done it. I guess, though, you didn't mean it, did you?"

"Do you want me to tell you a lie?" she asked in turn.

"No, of course not."

"Then you'd better not ask such questions."

"You did mean it, then?" She hesitated a moment, then said: "If I hadn't meant it, I wouldn't have said it. Now I hope you're satisfied."

Sim was thoughtfully silent for almost a minute. Then he said slowly: "I know it was cowardly for me to act like I done, a-runnin from them cattle. But, Lord a-mighty, how was I to know they was cattle 'stead of soldiers when I didn't look back to see what they was?"

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Louisa raised her head and fixed her eyes on Sim. There was an expression in her face and a look in her eyes that were new to him, and they caused him to shrink away from her and look on her with a feeling of fear.

"Sim Banks," she said, "you be careful what you say, for I positively will



She wept as though her heart would break, not bear to be insulted by you. I'll submit to what Mary Mann may say, because I can't help myself, but you attempt to say such things and I'll leave you in a minute and never live with you again. Is your opinion of me so poor that you think I am going to fall in love with every man that comes along?"

"No! I never said anything about you falling in love with anybody."

"Don't you insinuate anything of the kind either. It will be time enough for you to accuse me of thinking that man great when I have said or done something to give you a reason for doing it, not before. You continue to say such things as that to me, and I'll hate

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you with my whole heart and despise you so long as I live."

She arose and swept out of the room, leaving Sim dumb with astonishment. It was the first time in her life that she had ever shown such spirit as that, and he did not know what to make of it. Still, he was more rejoiced than angered by her words, for he reasoned that they proved conclusively that she had not been struck by Melvin's appearance and that there was no probability of Mrs. Mann's prediction coming true.

Almost light hearted he went out the street and walked up and down in the cool night air. He had been walking so for a quarter of an hour when in passing a house he heard his name called softly. He stopped and looked around, and a woman stepped out of



"You done Loueese a great wrong," the shadow of a tree and stood leaning over a fence near him. It was Mrs. Mann, and, looking up into his face, she smiled sweetly.

"Sim," she said, with a pretty air of penitence, "I am sorry that I said anything today to make you mad at me, an I hope you'll forgive me. Won't you, please?"

Sim hesitated for a moment, then said:

"You done Loueese a great wrong, Mrs. Mann."

"Don't call me that, Sim," she interrupted. "Don't you know I despise that name?"

"Do you? Why?"

"If you was a woman an had to bear the name of somebody you didn't love, you'd know why."

"Didn't you love your husband?"

"You know I didn't."

"How should I know that?"

"You ought to know that a woman never loves but one man."

"An in your case Dick Mann wasn't that one?"

"No."

"Who was it?"

Mrs. Mann blushed and acted confused and finally stole a sly glance at Sim's face that ought to have told him the whole story. But he was thinking of something else and looking in another direction, so the effect of that smile and that glance was to a great extent lost.

"You ought to know that without asking," she said demurely.

"Maybe I ought, but I don't, an I reckon it don't make no difference no-how."

"No, I reckon it don't, not to you anyway," with a sad sigh. "But you'll call me Mary, won't you, Sim?"

"Why, I guess so, if you're very particular about it. It don't make any difference to me."

"It does to me. It makes all the difference in the world what you call me. It don't matter about anybody else, though."

"Well, I'll call you Mary, then."

"Thank you. An now, Sim, you ain't goin to be mad at me any more, are you?"

"No, I guess I won't be mad at you, but you done Loueese wrong. You had no right to say that about that stranger."

"No, I hadn't, Sim. I know that now. But I can't bear to hear you talked about the way you was, an I felt I just had to take Loueese down a peg or two. I oughtn't to have said it, but since I have said it I ain't goin to take no backwater. Loueese don't love you, an she never will love you, but as certain as my name's Mary Mann she'll fall in love with that Melvin if she ever gets to know him."

"I don't believe it. While ago she got as mad as a wet hen 'cause I said something 'bout her thinkin him great shakes."

"Humph! You don't know much about women folks or you wouldn't set no store by that. I know what I'm talkin about, Sim Banks, an, as I said before, if you live you'll see I do. Loueese don't love you. I know she don't. But let her go, Sim. She ain't the only woman, an there's one I know that does love you with her whole soul."

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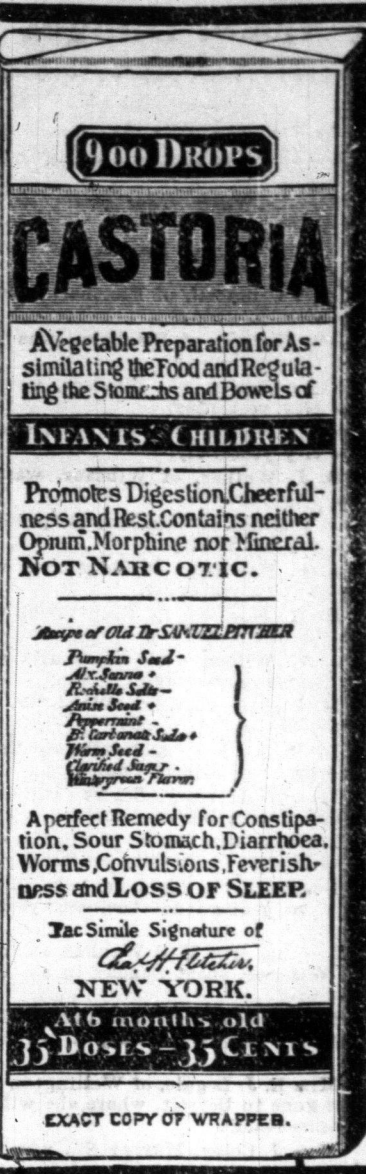
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